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Chamber Cleaning

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, the undersigned attorney of record, Keith M. Tackett, hereby declare as follows:

1. Attached is a copy of minutes of a confidential meeting (Exhibit A) which took place prior to March 6, 2000. All masked dates in Exhibit A are prior to March 6, 2000. Confidential information not relevant to the present application is also masked. It is further noted that certain notations printed on the bottom sections of the pages of Exhibit A were not part of the document as originally produced, but rather were subsequently added thereto for indexing.
2. In view of Exhibit A, every aspect of the claimed invention asserted by the Examiner to be disclosed in WO 00/52740 was in possession of the inventors prior to March 6, 2000, which is the earliest possible date of the reference or corresponding U.S. Patent, No. 6,602,433.
3. The undersigned, Keith M. Tackett, hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that these statements made on

information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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